

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the previous Abstract with the Abstract found on the following page.

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for preparing composite materials comprising an electrode active compound of formula $A_aD_dM_mZ_zO_oN_nF_f$, such as an alkali metal ion, such as a lithium ion, insertion compound, and an electronically conducting compound, such as carbon, in which a homogeneous mixed precursor containing all the elements A, D, M, Z, O, N and F forming the electrode active compound and also one or more organic and/or organometallic compounds are thermally decomposed, in a short period of time, so as to obtain the composite material. These composite materials in particular find their application in devices containing said compounds and/or active materials, such as electrochemical devices and batteries, in particular lithium batteries.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, filed March 2, 2010, have been carefully considered and found to be fully persuasive. The previous rejections have been withdrawn. None of the prior art references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the process as presently claimed. In particular, Ravet does not teach or suggest the presently claimed process with the step of "thermally decomposing the precursor in one hour or less to obtain the composite material."

The above amendment has been made so that the Abstract can be one paragraph. No substantive change has been made thereto.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DOUGLAS MC GINTY whose telephone number is (571)272-1029. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 830-500.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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